



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Little Mountain Elementary

Newberry

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 248

Principal: Rudie Tarver

Superintendent: Mr. Bennie Bennett

Board Chair: Mr. Don Saylor

PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2008 | Good | Average | TBD | Met | N/A |
| 2007 | Good | Below Average | Silver | Met | N/A |
| 2006 | Good | Average | N/A | Met | N/A |

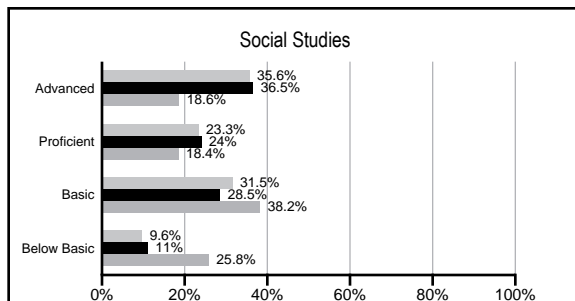
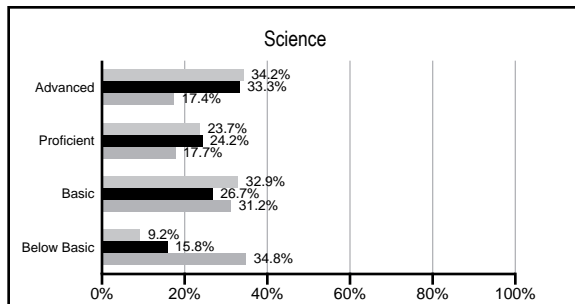
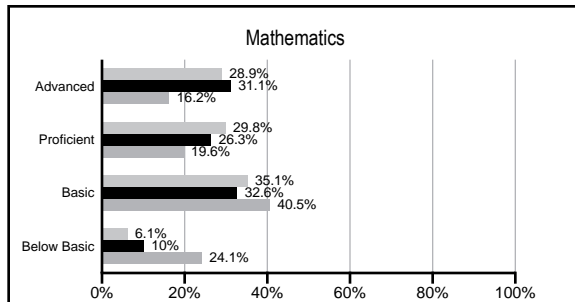
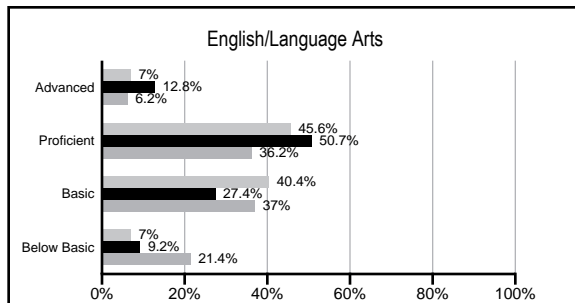
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 6 | 22 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Elementary Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined
NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

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SCHOOL PROFILE

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Elementary School |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Students (n=248) | | | | |
| Retention rate | 1.2% | Down from 2.0% | 1.4% | 2.3% |
| Attendance rate | 97.4% | Up from 97.2% | 96.7% | 96.3% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 22.3% | Up from 15.8% | 24.1% | 10.4% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 4.8% | Down from 7.0% | 5.2% | 7.5% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses | 0.4% | Up from 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n=19) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 78.9% | Up from 68.4% | 61.5% | 56.7% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 78.9% | Down from 89.5% | 80.7% | 77.3% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 89.2% | Down from 90.6% | 88.2% | 86.4% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 93.2% | Down from 94.8% | 94.8% | 94.9% |
| Average teacher salary | \$43,692 | Up 6.1% | \$47,854 | \$45,345 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 21.0 | Up from 20.0 | 6.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 18.0 to 1 | Up from 17.3 to 1 | 19.9 to 1 | 18.5 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 90.3% | Up from 88.5% | 90.4% | 89.8% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Good | No Change | Good | Good |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Character development program | Excellent | No Change | Excellent | Excellent |
| Dollars spent per pupil* | \$7,056 | Up 13.4% | \$6,547 | \$7,052 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction* | 66.7% | Down from 67.7% | 70.7% | 69.1% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries* | 64.4% | Down from 65.6% | 65.3% | 64.2% |
| % of AYP objectives met | 100.0% | | 100.0% | 85.7% |

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 23 | 46 | 39 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 87.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 91.3% | 97.8% | 97.3% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 100.0% | 97.8% | 92.1% |

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Little Mountain Elementary School is in the southeastern section of Newberry County and serves 247 students in grades K through 5. All grade levels provide students with balanced literacy instruction that includes reading, researching, and writing-across-the curriculum. Hands-on experiences from FOSS, AIMS, and GEMS enrich math and science programs. A wide variety of texts and computer programs enhance learning in all areas of the school's curriculum. Regular use of rubrics and a publishing center have helped improve students' writing. The school's leadership/data analysis team regularly analyzes test data in order to monitor students' progress and to assist teachers in designing classroom experiences that meet students' needs.

The majority of teachers have advanced degrees, while others are working toward this goal. Four teachers have National Board Certification. Our teachers participate in many professional development opportunities in a variety of areas. Among them is a yearlong book study club in which they will continue to participate over the course of the next school year. These professional reading study groups provide opportunities for teachers to generate conversations related to applying best practices across the grade levels.

Our faculty works diligently to enable our students to enjoy and appreciate the arts through field trips, assemblies, and community involvement. Students participate in many school-to-work activities. Parents and community members further educate students by sharing experiences about their jobs during our career fair. Little Mountain Elementary School, the PTO, and the community work hard to keep our students continuously learning in a safe and caring environment.

Some accomplishments are as follows:

LME students scored 58.34% proficient/advanced on PACT ELA, and 49.6 % scored proficient/advanced on PACT Math;
LME is accredited by Southern Associations of Colleges and Schools;
LME is a Palmetto Silver School Award recipient;
LME students raised over \$6,300.00 for the Leukemia Society, Relay for Life, Jump Rope for Heart, and St. Jude's Math-A-Thon;
Mad Science after school program;
Fourteen fourth and fifth-grade students qualified for Duke TIP program and five applied;
LME teachers received funded grants for classroom supplies and equipment; and
LME utilizes a comprehensive developmental guidance and counseling program that promotes and enhances the total learning process.

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